

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1 through 6 and Claims 11 through 18 are requested to be canceled without prejudice to pursue this subject matter in a subsequent continuation or divisional patent application. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 7 through 10 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 4-5 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-2 and 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanuma (US Pat. No. 6746103) in view of Ikemo *et al.* (US Pub. No. 2004/0095420). Solely for the purposes of advancing prosecution, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2 and 4-5, thereby obviating the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 3 and 6 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected the Examiner's rejection of Claims 3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanuma (US Pat. No. 6746103) in view of McDonald (US Pub. No. 2002/0057306). Solely for the purposes of advancing prosecution, Applicant has canceled Claims 3 and 6, thereby obviating the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Withdrawn Claims

Applicant has canceled previously withdrawn claims.

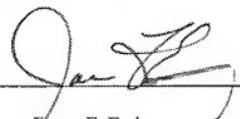
The Applicant thanks the Examiner finding Claims 7-10 allowable. The Applicant believes that because the claims at issue in the Examiner's argument have now been canceled, the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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